



PCAG Outstanding Undergraduate Coursework Prize

Background: This award furthers PCAG's mandate to encourage geographical study, teaching, research and application of scholarship in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nunavut, Northern Ontario, and North Dakota. The focus is on the acknowledgement and celebration of high-quality undergraduate work conducted in the listed territories by students doing coursework in the member departments.*

The Coursework Prize acknowledges an outstanding senior undergraduate major project, paper or assignment that was a significant component of the coursework in a third or fourth-year course taught in the member departments.

Amount to be awarded: One award annually of \$150 (Canadian funds) *in each PCAG member department*

Criteria:

- Eligible coursework will be from a third or fourth year/upper division course taught in a PCAG member institution/department.
- Eligible coursework must be a significant component of student assessment, worth a minimum of 25% of the course grade.
- Priority *must* be given to coursework which focuses on an aspect of Prairie regional geography or on any geographical or environmental issue within the PCAG territories (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nunavut, Northern Ontario and North Dakota)
- This Prize is open to a variety of coursework forms including major projects, papers, assignments, creative works, or community outreach/events.
- Undergraduate theses or capstone projects are *not* eligible for this award.

Deadline date: Departments are encouraged to have their Awards Committees meet and make an award decision in time to send notification of their selection by May 1st each year. Nominations sent after May 1st may not be funded.

Process for selecting recipients: Departments will accept nominations for the Coursework Prize from course instructors according to their own internal timelines for their departmental Awards Committees. The student whose work *most fully* meets the award criteria (see above) should be the nominee. Nominations can be from any term (Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer), however only *one award per member institution/department* will be made each year.

Either the Awards Committee Chair or the Department Chair/Head will notify PCAG by email (PCAG@CAG-ACG.ca) no later than May 1st of the departmental Prize nominee. Notification must include:

- Student name
- Coursework title, course number and title, and a brief (3-4 sentence) description of the merits of the coursework (why it was selected for the award)
- Current process for funds transfer

Method of payment: Departments will disperse funds to students. Upon notification of a Prize nominee, PCAG will authorize electronic transfer of funds from the PCAG/CAG account to each member department. Funds transfers will be made in a timely manner.

Nomination Form: Nomination forms will be made available for download on the PCAG website, as well as sent to Department Chairs/Heads each Fall (October 1st) to be distributed to all teaching faculty in their departments.

*Member Departments

- Department of Environment and Geography, University of Manitoba
- Department of Geography and the Environment, Lakehead University
- Department of Geography and Environment, Brandon University
- Department of Geography, University of Winnipeg
- Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Regina
- Department of Geography and Planning, University of Saskatchewan
- Department of Geography, University of North Dakota

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